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to erect fresh Defence Works here, unless they are armed with ordnance of the latest and most approved pattern, capable of resisting the attack of the heaviest modern artillery." It is evident from this quotation that His Excellency had no suspicion that the armament for the fort was to include any percentage of muzzle-loading guns. The Acting Colonial Secretary explains that the muzzle-loaders are to be employed in places in which, "for various reasons and short ranges" they will be as effective as breech-loaders. On this point we are unable to give a professional opinion, but we should hardly have thought the muzzle-loaders would have been as effective as the breech-loaders under any conditions. However, we must take comfort in the belief that the Imperial Government cannot be so mean as to attempt to make the fortification of this important Colony a sham and a make-believe. It is to their interest, as well as ours, that the work shall be done thoroughly and that the armament shall be efficient. The Acting Governor is assured, we are told, "that, so far from there being any intention of deviating from the arrangement by which breech-loading guns of the best and latest pattern are to be provided for the sea batteries, it is highly probable that the armament originally proposed will be somewhat augmented in number and increased in power." We shall await with great interest and no small anxiety the arrival of the first batch of these promised breech-loading guns, and sincerely hope that the use of muzzle-loaders will be strictly limited.

The French corvette *Roland*, at present at Nagasaki, will, according to *L'Echo de Shanghai*, shortly leave for France.

A fire occurred in Fuhkien Road, Shanghai, on the morning of the 19th instant, when some twenty native houses were burnt.

The Italian corvette *Rapido* Captain Cravosio, arrived at Amoy on the 17th inst. from Hong Kong and left again on the 18th inst.

The British gunboat *Epon*, Lieut.-Commander Adams, from Shanghai 15th June, via Ningpo and Foochow, arrived here yesterday.

We are requested to state that unless the incoming French Mail is on shore by 7 this morning the correspondence cannot be delivered until about 1 p.m.

Four hundred and sixty native Christians from Amman were landed at Saloua on the 11th instant. The persecution in Amman would seem to be still in full force.

M. Dillett, the Resident at Haïd, and formerly Consul at Tunis, has been appointed President of the Tunisian Delimitation Commission, succeeding M. Saint-Chaffray.

It is said that the Tonquin Administration is considering the opening of a course of instruction in Amman for the benefit of such of the French colonists as may wish to learn the language.

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co's Registers.)
June 19th.

Thermometer - 8 a.m.	97
Thermometer - 1 p.m.	97
Thermometer - 4 p.m.	97
Thermometer - 9 a.m. (Wet bulb)	79
Thermometer - 4 p.m. (Wet bulb)	79
Thermometer - 8 a.m. (Wet bulb)	79
Thermometer - Maximum (over night)	83

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

22nd June, 1886, at 4 P.M.

STATION	Altitude	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Force	Waves	Barom.
Macau	2038	81	79	SW	1	+	93.01
Hongkong	2032	85	74	S	1	+	93.01
Amoy	2032	81	74	S	1	+	93.01
Swatow	2031	81	73	S	1	+	93.01
Nagasaki	2031	81	73	S	1	+	93.01
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NEWS FOR THE FRENCH MAIL.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 17th June.

Colonel Welker, a Conservative candidate, will contest Midlothian.

The Marquis of Hartington has issued his electoral manifesto.

LYON, 18th June.

The French have landed troops at the New Hebrides, and have hoisted the French flag. There is great excitement in Australia.

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THE VICEROY OF THE YUN-KWEI.

Thus writes the Canton correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary with reference to the Viceroy of the Yun-Kwei. — "In a previous letter I gave an account of the arrival of Mr. Thomas Bowler, Inspector-General of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, at Canton, who had been appointed to the command of the Chinese fleet in the Yun-Kwei. He arrived here from Yunnan, with Vice-Admiral Tsien Yu-ying's authority to take funds for mining copper in that distant province. Now it is very well known how Tsien has had and applied the various large sums of money raised here at different times during the past three years, with the avowed object of mining. He has conducted a little war of his own against the hated English, and has been the chief way as he commanded his operations, and the way he has been in Upper Tonkin. Hundreds of thousands will be offered as a reward for every English devil's head that can be got hold of when it is dug out of a grave. The missionaries and traders in Upper Burma are likely to find themselves tracked like beasts of prey, and some of them may be decoyed into quiet nests to precipitate the English. The English have the waywardness of All this is a natural enough result. The Chinese are getting weary of such tricks. They do not mind subscribing money to pay a mining company, but they object to giving the management of that money to the Viceroy of the Yun-Kwei Provinces. They know what he has done with the sums already subscribed as capital for mining copper in Yun-Kwei, and that a single company has not been able to make a profit of its mining according to modern Western methods made Yunan. Thus, Tsin's Envoy, most Extraordinary, has failed to acquire the confidence of native capitalists, and finds himself unable to raise a cash, even to pay his rent and living expenses. A trap has now been laid to beguile foreigners into the affair. All foreign capital will be required, however, and a plan has been set up for the loan of £100,000,000 of the United States. Some of these U.S. citizens are not tired of telling the Chinese that they do not want any colonies, and thus deserve the greatest confidence of the Chinese. The French on the one hand have absorbed Tonkin and Annam, while the English have just recently absorbed Siam. The English of French, least of all, should claim the position of the Chinese.

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Through 100 of the sailors, a Portuguese name, Tomas Roza, who spoke Malay, and a shipwrecked Malay who spoke the language of the country, the English were able to make themselves understood. According to Captain Wilson, they were the first Europeans who visited the island. On the 10th August, Captain Wilson, in view of the account that King Ahad had taken him off the island of Orolang, hoisted on the British flag and fired a salute to mark the taking possession of the island for the English people. The King of the Palauas, having rendered assistance in the building of a vessel from the remains of the wreck, confided to Wilson his son, Lee-Bu, to be sent to Macao and from thence to London, in order that he might be educated in the Christian religion here. Unfortunately he fell a victim to smallpox, and was interred in a costly tomb, constructed at the cost of the East India Company, in one of the parishes of London. After the death Lee-Bu the Company ordered one of its vessels to touch at the Port to receive the sad news to the King, and at the same time sent a number of presents, including some costly beads, which continued in the Bellows 1882, when the officers of the German man-of-war *Hartog* dined off the last of them. Up to a few years ago there were also horses on the islands, which, like the cows, were the descendants of animals sent as presents by the East India Company to King Ahad in 1785. The inhabitants, who numbered some 1,000, have now discontinued reparation for hospitals. Their conduct to the shipwrecked crew of the *Antelope* was, in the words of Captain Wilson, considerate, courteous, charitable, disinterested and full of true delicacy. Rich and poor all gave to the English whatever they had, and frequently restrained their curiosity, an order not to molest them. They are strangers to the religious exertions by ambition and to the practice of self-sacrifice, being and appearing such with their lot. Nothing opposed to this description was observed by anyone on board the *Antelope*, says Captain Butson, on the recent visit of that vessel.

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